

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this response, as the response places the application in clear condition for allowance, or alternatively places the claims in better form for appeal. Specifically, Applicants have amended independent Claims 3, 9, and 14 to recite features similar to those recited in independent Claims 1, 7, and 13, which are not taught by the references of record in the application. Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the application; Claims 3, 9, and 14 having been amended by way of the present response.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the claimed recitation in independent Claim 1 of “rotating the selected image according to a rotation of said display screen” is not enabled. In response, Applicants respectfully assert that page 46, lines 15-24, of the originally filed specification states, and original Figure 19 shows, non-limiting examples in which “a change in the posture of the display section 3 . . . can cause only the first window 117 to be rotated . . . and the remaining second and third windows 118, 119 and the desktop screen 124 to be displayed as they are without changing the display orientation.” Further, page 18, lines 23-25, of the originally filed specification states that “image information can be displayed as a plurality of windows.” Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the originally filed application, including the specification and drawings, provides support for the claimed recitation in independent Claim 1 of “rotating the selected image (e.g., the first window 117) according to a rotation of said display screen (e.g., the display section 3).” Therefore, Applicants respectfully request

that the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,137,468 to Martinez et al. (Martinez). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of the claims for the following reasons.

As stated above, independent Claims 3, 9, and 14 have been amended. Applicants respectfully assert that support for the changes to the independent claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and that therefore no new matter has been added.

The present invention is directed to information processing apparatuses, information processing methods, and media for storing a program which causes an information processing apparatus to execute a processing. Independent Claims 1 and 3 recite posture detecting means for detecting an angular component of a change of posture of a display screen. Independent Claim 1 further recites displaying direction control means for displaying a plurality of images on the display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of a selected image from the plurality of images by rotating the selected image according to a rotation of the display screen. Independent Claim 3 further recites displaying direction control means for displaying images on the display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of one of the images by rotating the image according to a rotation of the display screen. Independent Claims 7 and 9 recite a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a change of posture of a display screen. Independent Claim 7 further recites a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of a selected image from a plurality of images by rotating the selected image according to a rotation of the display screen. Independent Claim 9 further recites a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of one of images by rotating the image according to a rotation of the display screen. Independent Claims 13 and 14 recite a detection processing step of detecting an angular component of a

change of posture of a display screen. Independent Claim 13 further recites a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of a selected image from a plurality of images by rotating the selected image according to a rotation of the display screen. Independent Claim 14 further recites a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of one of images by rotating the image according to rotation of the display screen.

Martinez is directed to a method and apparatus for altering a display in response to changes in attitude relative to a plane. As shown in Figures 5A-5C, for example, of Martinez, a laptop computer 300 contains windows 500 and 502 and icons 504-508. When the laptop 300 has been rotated 90°, display 301 is now in a portrait mode (i.e., each of windows 500 and 502, as well as icons 504-508, has been rotated 90°). When the laptop 300 has been rotated 90° in the other direction, the display 301 presents windows 500 and 502 and icons 504-508 in a portrait mode.¹ As shown in Figures 6A-6C, for example, of Martinez, an object 602 in a window 600 remains level even though the laptop computer 300 has been rotated and has changed orientation.²

However, Applicants respectfully assert that Martinez does not teach the claimed features of controlling a direction of display of one of multiple images, as recited in each of independent Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, and 14. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that Martinez states that a direction of the entire display (i.e., each of the multiple windows 500 and 502 and icons 504-508, as well as the object 602 in the window 600) is controlled, and does not state that a direction of display of one of multiple images (e.g., one of the windows 500 and 502

¹ Column 4, lines 50-58, of Martinez.

² From Column 4, line 59 to Column 5, line 6, of Martinez.

and the icons 504-508, or one of multiple objects 602 in the window 600) is controlled. Further, Applicants respectfully assert that none of the portions of Martinez referenced in the Office Action state that a direction of display of one of multiple images is controlled.

Specifically, independent Claim 1 recites “displaying direction control means for displaying a plurality of images on said display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of a selected image from the plurality of images.” Independent Claim 3 recites “displaying direction control means for displaying images on said display screen, and for controlling a direction of display of one of the images.” Independent Claim 7 recites “a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of a selected image from the plurality of images.” Independent Claim 9 recites “a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of one of the images.” Independent Claim 13 recites “a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of a selected image from the plurality of images.” Independent Claim 14 recites “a displaying direction control processing step of controlling a direction of display of one of the images.” Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn and the independent claims allowed.

Dependent Claims 2, 5, and 6 depend from independent Claim 1. Dependent Claim 4 depends from independent Claim 3. Dependent Claims 8, 11, and 12 depend from independent Claim 7. Dependent Claim 10 depends from independent Claim 9. Dependent Claim 15 depends from independent Claim 14. Dependent Claims 16 and 17 depend from independent Claim 13. Applicants respectfully assert that the dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend, as well as for their own features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10-12, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn and the dependent claims allowed.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be

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outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-17 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

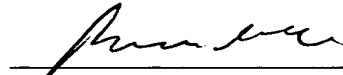
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